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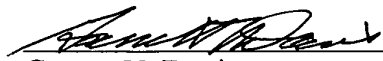
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the patents and disclosures attached and listed on completed Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application.

The enclosed patents were cited in Applicants' corresponding German application. DE 198 18 210 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,281,271. DE 44 35 680 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,650,108. DE 100 18 394 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,340,648.

In accordance with the amendments to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a) (revisions effective October 21, 2004) and as discussed in the October 19, 2004 Official Gazette (1287 OG 163), copies of U.S. patents and published applications cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not enclosed.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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